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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Krishnamoorthy, et al.

Serial No. 09/318,692

Filed: May 25, 1999

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
SECURELY DOWNLOADING
FIRMWARE TO STORAGE DEVICES
AND MANAGING DEVICES IN A
CLIENT-SERVER ARCHITECTURE

Examiner: Choudhary, A.

Art Unit: 2153

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE Technology Center 2100

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2002, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 32 as follows:

32. (Amended) A method for downloading firmware to at least one of a
plurality of storage devices of a computing system having at least one client
connected to a server, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a firmware file, including a copy of the firmware with a data
header embedded therewith;

generating a list of one or more storage devices for receiving the
firmware file;

determining whether the storage devices on the list are updatable, and
removing the devices that are not updatable from the list of storage devices
for receiving the firmware file;